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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Before the Examiner:
Barker et al. : :
Serial No.: 09/880,450 : :
Filing Date: June 13, 2001 : :
Title: STM-1 TO STM-64 SDH/ : :
SONET FRAMER WITH DATA : :
MULTIPLEXING FROM A SERIES: :
OF CONFIGURABLE I/O PORTS : :
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of June 9, 2005 (Paper No. 5), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 9, 2005, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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